GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:311
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REVIEW OF VIP SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been conducting a review of security cover provided to some VIPs with a view to economizing on the expenditure;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the time by which the same will be completed;

(c) the total number of persons in the country who have been provided with SPG and Black Cat Protection and the norms for providing of such protection;

(d) the annual expenditure being incurred; and

(e) the total number of persons, whose applications for getting this protection are under consideration?

Answer

HOME MINISTER (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.311 for 17.8.2004 by Shri Jual Oram and Shri Mohan Singh regarding review of VIP security.

(a) & (b): The review of security of VIPs and other protectees is a continuous process and is undertaken periodically depending on the existing threat perception.

(c): The total number of persons who have been provided with SPG cover and NSG Mobile protection are 9 and 14 respectively. SPG cover has been provided under the SPG Act NSG Mobile protection has been provided on the basis of heightened threat perception to the concerned protectees.

(d): The quantum of expenditure being incurred on VVIP security is difficult to determine precisely, as it involves expenditure on security staff, communication, transport vehicles, intelligence gathering and overall supervision etc. in respect of various security agencies involved in security duties of protectees.

(e): The requests for security cover keep on changing from time to time. Ministry of Home Affairs provide security to the persons residing at Delhi on the basis of laid down policy. It includes positional security to Union Ministers, Judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court, High Courts and other senior functionaries of the Government. Security cover on the basis of threat is provided when such threat emanates primarily from terrorists, militants or criminal mafia. The security to threatened persons and dignitaries outside Delhi is provided by the concerned State/UT where such persons may happen to be.